GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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Delegation of Power to Panchayats
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether delegation of powers to the panchayats has not been successful and desired results have not been achieved in this regard;
(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof including Bihar along with the reasons therefor, and
(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b): Under Article 243G of Part IX of the Constitution, State Legislatures are to endow, to the Panchayats with powers and authority to enable them to function as institutions of local self-governance. Article 243G allows discretion to the States in the matter of devolution of powers to Panchayats. The States vary significantly in the extent to which they have devolved powers to the Panchayats to plan, implement and monitor schemes for economic development and social justice. The status of devolution of powers to Panchayats, State-wise, including Bihar is at Annexe. States also vary in the extent to which they have built the capacities of Panchayats in the discharge of the devolved powers.
(c) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has continuously persuaded the State Governments to devolve powers to the Panchayats and has also provided assistance to the States/UTs for capacity building of Panchayats to enable them to perform devolved functions effectively and efficiently. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj also recognizes and incentivises the States/UTs for devolution of powers to Panchayats and awards the best performing Panchayats in each State.

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